



September 28, 2015

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Location Code: GKMTW84

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Durango, CO 81301

Dear (b) (6),

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is aware of concerns you have raised regarding potential impacts, to the property to which you have easement access, related to the Gold King Mine release. We want to assure you that we remain aware of your concerns and are working to address them as quickly as possible.

Sediment samples were collected from the adjacent property on August 31, 2015. The sampling was conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in coordination with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD). We are attaching copies of the validated sample results.

The sediment samples from the property were submitted to a private certified laboratory to be analyzed for total metals. The analysis included metals that could potentially be present in sediment deposited as a result of the release from the Gold King Mine incident on August 5, 2015. Sediment concentrations from the property are below recreational screening levels, which are shown as RBC (risk based concentrations) on the enclosed results.

EPA has worked closely with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment to evaluate the conditions in the Animas River following the Gold King Mine incident. Surface water and sediment samples results for the river system as a whole are being maintained at pre-event conditions. It is important to keep in mind that metal concentrations in water and sediment may fluctuate. Fluctuations occur because of weather and other events that change water flow rates or volume. They can also occur if sediments are accumulating at a higher than normal rate at a particular site, before being washed away by the next high water event.

If you have any health related questions regarding these test results, please contact Flannery O'Neil with the San Juan Basin Health Department (SJBHD) at (970) 247-5702; or to discuss your sample results with an EPA representative, please contact Cynthia Peterson, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (303) 312-6879.

Enclosure

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Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
San Juan Basin Health Department
San Juan County Public Health